

Appln No. 09/690,243
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 8, 10-38, and 72-79 are pending. Claims 39, 40 and 42-71 are canceled in this amendment.

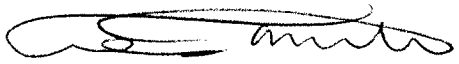
Claims 1-4, 8, 10-38, 48 and 72-79 are allowed.

Claims 39-40, 42-47, 49 and 50-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitehouse (US 6,005,945) in view of Pang (US 6,446,204).

Without consenting to the above rejection, claims 39-71 are canceled in order to facilitate the issuance of the present application.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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